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PLACEMENTS DOWN 3%

For the week ending January 20, 2007, growers placed 11.5 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 3.0% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.3 mill) decreased 3.9% from comparable week in 2006. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.5 million, a decrease of 3.0% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 12.0 million for the week ending January 13, 2007 compared to 12.1 million slaughtered during the same week in 2006.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
11/25/06	14,216	13,625	11,656	11,406	11,706	11,619
12/02/06	14,172	13,603	11,372	10,913	11,372	10,962
12/09/06	14,206	13,609	11,558	11,315	11,558	11,596
12/16/06	14,336	13,607	11,835	11,330	11,835	12,096
12/23/06	14,302	13,219	11,844	11,317	12,029	11,835
12/30/06	14,191	13,673	11,857	11,200	11,857	11,200
01/06/07	14,050	13,928	11,885	11,349	11,888	11,100
01/13/07	14,155	13,669	11,874	10,880	11,959	11,248
01/20/07	13,948	13,526	11,774	11,318	11,861	11,510

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING 01/28/07	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	69.86	69.75	69.60	56.95
12-City Composite 2/	71.60	70.59	66.39	62.40

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.